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2. Cost of Living

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1. Recently, groups of people have been taken from each village (in the Mati area?) to work on the Mati River electric power station. One such group consisting of approximately 30 persons from Pogradec resisted the Government's attempt to send them as volunteers by shouting, "We are not volunteers; we are forced laborers, and you will have to drag us off like forced laborers." They were dragged to the power plant.

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2. The cost of living is very high. The ordinary laborer receives from 75 to 120 leks per day. Some current food prices are as follows:

Bread 70 leks per kilo  
Coffee 1,200 leks per kilo  
Sugar 250 leks per kilo  
Wheat 7,000 leks per quintal  
Rice and pepper are not available.

3. Party members are allowed special rations and may purchase as much food as they desire.

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